

MEETING NOTES

UTAH SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ANTI-VIOLENCE COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 25, 2000, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Room 403, State Capitol Building

Present: Bill Afeaki, Camille Anthony, Dan Becker, Col. Merrill Carter, Leo Lucay proxy for Scott Carver, Gary Cox, Judy Kasten-Bel proxy for Sharon Daurelle, Ferris Groll proxy for Craig Dearden, Mary Lou Emerson proxy for Patrick Fleming, Hunter Finch proxy for Pete Haun, Verne Larsen, James Mason, Harold Morrill, Mary Phillips, Gary Heward proxy for Reed Richards, Karen Watkins and Sherm Watkins

Members Excused: Meredith Alden, Rod Betit, Camille Cain, Scott Carver, Sharon Daurelle, Craig Dearden, Jan Graham, Steve Laing, Jane Piercey, JoAnn Seghini and Diane Stuart

Staff: Marvin Dodge and Diane Ngatuva

Visitors: Steve Harrison, Grant Mitchell, Bruce Parsons, Bob Steele, Kary Stringfellow and Det. Heather Stringfellow

Agenda Item: Welcome and Approval of Meeting Notes

Chair James Mason welcomed all present. Introductions were made for the benefit of those visiting for the first time. *There was a motion made by Harold Morrill to approve the meeting notes of the June 28, 2000 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Afeaki and unanimously approved.*

Agenda Item: Introduction of New Council Administrator

Camille Anthony introduced Marvin Dodge, the new USAAV Council Administrator. Marvin comes to this position with a background in managing Byrne Grants; grants that fund law enforcement efforts to curb drugs and violent crime. Marvin will continue to work with the drug task force grants and take on responsibilities with the USAAV Council as well.

being drafted, to be sponsored by Rep. Bigelow, outlining the need for funding for drug testing and law enforcement training. Currently, the only way to test is through urine samples that have to be shipped out of state in a private lab. Camille noted that the State Health Dept. Lab is receiving some funding from the Violence Against Women Grant that is being used to put together a protocol for the testing. Also, the Dept. of Health has put in a budget request to replace this funding. Grant Mitchell and Kary Stringfellow, managers of "Club Axis" explained their pro-active approach with the youth that come to their club. They try and promote a safe environment by educating the youth to the dangers of club drugs through posters, tight security and announcements throughout the evening warning them of the dangers of this kind of drug use. They have 20,000 kids come through their club in a month, some of these unwittingly risk taking dangerous combinations or just a capful too much of GHB sending them into an overdose - sometimes fatal. They would like to see PSA's run in the papers and at the local high schools and colleges targeted to youth.

Scott recommended that the Council research the issue of club drugs, particularly GHB, and strategize a course to follow. Camille suggested that the Division of Substance Abuse and CCJJ could put some of the educational information on their websites.

Agenda Item: National Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative

Mary Lou Emerson explained that the Division of Substance Abuse has been awarded the State Incentive Grant (SIG). The grant will run for three years, with \$2.9 million being distributed to the local substance abuse authorities to develop community based prevention programs based on the Risk and Protective Factor Model. Mary Lou reminded the Council member that during their meeting on May 26, 2000 the members of USAAV voted unanimously to take on the role of the Utah SIG advisory committee. In this role, the USAAV will meet at least quarterly during Phase 1 of the project to provide oversight, advice, and information to Governor Leavitt, the Division and the Project Director, Pat Fleming. The USAAV members will actively participate in the development of the State Prevention Plan. USAAV will also actively participate in the development of the State Prevention Plan, specifically the Prevention Committee will be most involved in this.

Dr. Steve Harrison, of the Institute of Social Research at the University of Utah, explained the Risk and Protective Factor Model to the Council. This model will be used to coordinate, and where legally permissible redirect, and leverage substance abuse prevention resources that are directed toward

Treatment Committee: Harold Morrill reviewed their five fiscal goals and three legislative priorities.

Budgetary

1. Meth Use and Club Drugs
2. Fund Growth: Compensation Adjustment for Local Authority Providers
3. Drug Courts: Continued expansion with a caution - the drug court model only treats a small segment of the treatment population. Of the 21,000 plus treatment admissions last year statewide, only five hundred were eligible for drug court.
4. 23 Hour Hold Facility: A bill requesting a pilot project to treat methamphetamine users that appear at emergency rooms. CCJJ is considering this as a priority because of its system-wide impact.
5. Alcohol Beverage Funds: Strongly recommend funding be returned to its original amount allocation of \$4.35 million.

Statutory

1. Restoration of passive consent school surveys.
2. Modifications to the scope of BCI background checks for treatment providers.
3. SHOCAP (Serious Habitual Offenders Community Action Program): Legislation to include substance abuse providers in this program.

Judiciary Committee: Scott Reed reported that the Judiciary Committee would like to see a push toward public awareness education regarding club drugs.

Prevention Committee: Verne referred to a draft on House Bill #169, "School Safety Programs." Dr. Mason noted that information is the basis for effective and efficient action. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the school survey bill and how to push that through this next legislative session.

Agenda Item: Review Letter Opposing Initiative B

A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter that Dr. Mason drafted to the Utah Coalition to Stop Drug Dealer Profits opposing Initiative B. The motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: USAAV: Duties, Future and Changes

Dr. Mason asked the Council members to review the USAAV Council duties and responsibilities as outlined in the U.C.A. 63-25a-203 handout. He encouraged each person to grade the Council before the next meeting on the three items listed and come prepared to share suggestions as to how to improve the Council's performance in the year 2001. This item will be included on the January meeting agenda.